

# Volatile Organic Compound Concentration Limits for Certain Products Regulations

As the calendar turns to 2024, we're taking steps at West Penetone to adapt to new regulations coming into effect from the Department of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). These regulations provide new rules governing the manufacture of certain products in Canada containing volatile organic compounds (VOC), including those in the following categories of use:

<b>Product Category</b>
<b>Automotive brake cleaner</b>
<b>Automotive wash</b>
<b>Automotive wax</b>
<b>Electrical equipment cleaner</b>
<b>Engine degreaser</b>
<b>General purpose degreaser</b>
<b>General purpose hard surface cleaner and disinfectant</b>
<b>Multipurpose solvent to remove organics</b>
<b>Products to remove road grime including tar and asphalt</b>

The goal of this communication is to create awareness of these regulatory changes from ECCC, and help customers and end users of West Penetone products understand how these changes may or may not affect their operations.

It's crucial to clarify that these new rules primarily impact our manufacturing and record-keeping processes, and typically no special actions are expected to be required on the part of our customers and end-users.

For more information, please refer to the website for Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC):

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/managing-pollution/sources-industry/volatile-organic-compounds-consumer-commercial/certain-products.html>

We have been diligently working to ensure compliance with the new regulations;

Here's an overview of our efforts:

## What We Have Already Done

West Penetone has a longstanding commitment to being a leader in providing innovative, highly effective solutions to the solvent degreasing market. With this in mind, we have been working behind the scenes to ensure compliance with the new regulations. Importantly, many of our current products remain unaffected by these new VOC regulations. We would like to remind you of our existing range of VOC-compliant and low VOC degreasers, widely utilized by petrochemical refineries, pulp and paper mills, and energy service providers across Canada, North America, and Europe.

- **CITRIKLEEN** – The flagship solvent emulsion degreaser that started it all.
- **CITRIKLEEN HDC** – Our industrial emulsion degreaser used for manual or bulk volume degreasing and circulation cleaning.
- **OIL KING/ECOSOL** (AccuChem products) – High flash point solvent degreasers for removing tar and road grime from painted vehicle surfaces in wash bays.

## What's New for 2024

We are pleased to announce the expansion of our low VOC degreaser and VOC-compliant product lines. This new line of solvent degreasers offers fresh low-VOC and VOC-compliant options designed as drop-in replacements for traditional solvent degreasers in manual cleaning procedures. Formulated to provide optimal performance, these products simultaneously help control and reduce VOC emissions. For more details on these innovative new products, feel free to reach out to your dedicated territory manager.

## What We Will Continue to Do

West Penetone will maintain its commitment to providing a comprehensive line of solvents that remain compliant with this and many other environmental regulations. These product ranges will leverage surfactant technology combined with the powerful solvency to ensure maximum cleaning power in various degreasing application including cold and vapor degreasing operations.

Your West Penetone representative will remain in close contact with you to discuss any potential impacts and adjustments and collaborate with you to ensure compliance with the new regulations. Please feel free to contact us to discuss your application and how we can assist during these times. Thank you for your continued partnership. We value your business and are committed to delivering innovative solutions that meet and exceed your expectations.